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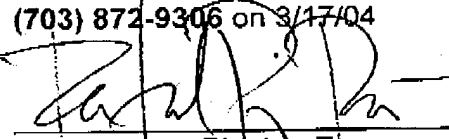
For: Method and Allocation Device for Allocating Pending Requests for Data Packet  
Transmission at a Number of Inputs to a Number of Outputs of a Packet  
Switching Device in Successive Time Slots

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Sir:

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